

Los Angeles County

Sheriff's Department

News Release

INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca; Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck; Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich, Regional Director Pam Booth, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner Dr.

Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran; Executive Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berkowitz, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center; and Executive Director Deanne Tilton, Inter-agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), held a press conference to release the agency's three major reports for 2009: "The State of Child Abuse in Los Angeles County," "The ICAN Child Death Review Team," and "Safely Surrendered and Abandoned Infants." As the ICAN Chairperson, Sheriff Baca emphasized the need for a collaborative effort within various agencies in Los Angeles County.

These three reports are extensive and represent the most comprehensive county level child abuse data and information in the country. They represent the findings of those with hands-on experience and professional expertise in all disciplines touching the lives of children and families.

"No agency can do this alone, and our collaborative child protection system must include concerned and involved neighborhoods, communities and individuals," added Sheriff Baca.

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